

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Liturgical Schedule

ST VINCENT FERRER MASS TIME

SUNDAY - 9:00AM - LIVESTREAMED



Liturgy of the Word 9:00am (also livestreamed) followed by Silent Adoration on Tuesdays until 10:30am



Liturgy of the Word 9:00am (also livestreamed) followed by Rosary on Thursdays



Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary: 730 S Lafayette, Royal Oak 48067
Tuesday: 7:30 to 8:30pm
Friday: 6:30 to 7:30am
Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00pm

National Shrine: 2100 W 12 Mile Royal Oak 48073
M thru F: following 6:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 8am
Saturday: following 8:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 10am

Mass Intentions Sunday, November 29, 2026

Cathy McCarthy† req. by Corrine McCarthy
Dianne Karolski† req.by Tom Karolski
Thomas & Paula Moran† req. by Moran Family
Donna Dietrich† req. by Family
Joseph & Margaret Bozman† req. by Mary Lou Bozman
St. Vincent Ferrer Parishioners and their deceased family members

Contact Information

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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Website: www.stvincentferrer.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Friday 9am to Noon
Closed Saturday, & Sunday

STAFF

Reverend Paul Snyder, Administrator, FOP Moderator
Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass celebrant
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

For sacramental information or funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720



Br. Bob Malloy will offer Mass Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26th at 8:00am.

Monetary donations will go to Capuchin Soup Kitchen

Mass Intention:
Fred Biber† req. by Erna Biber

The Parish Office will be closed November 26 & 27.





70th Anniversary Celebration

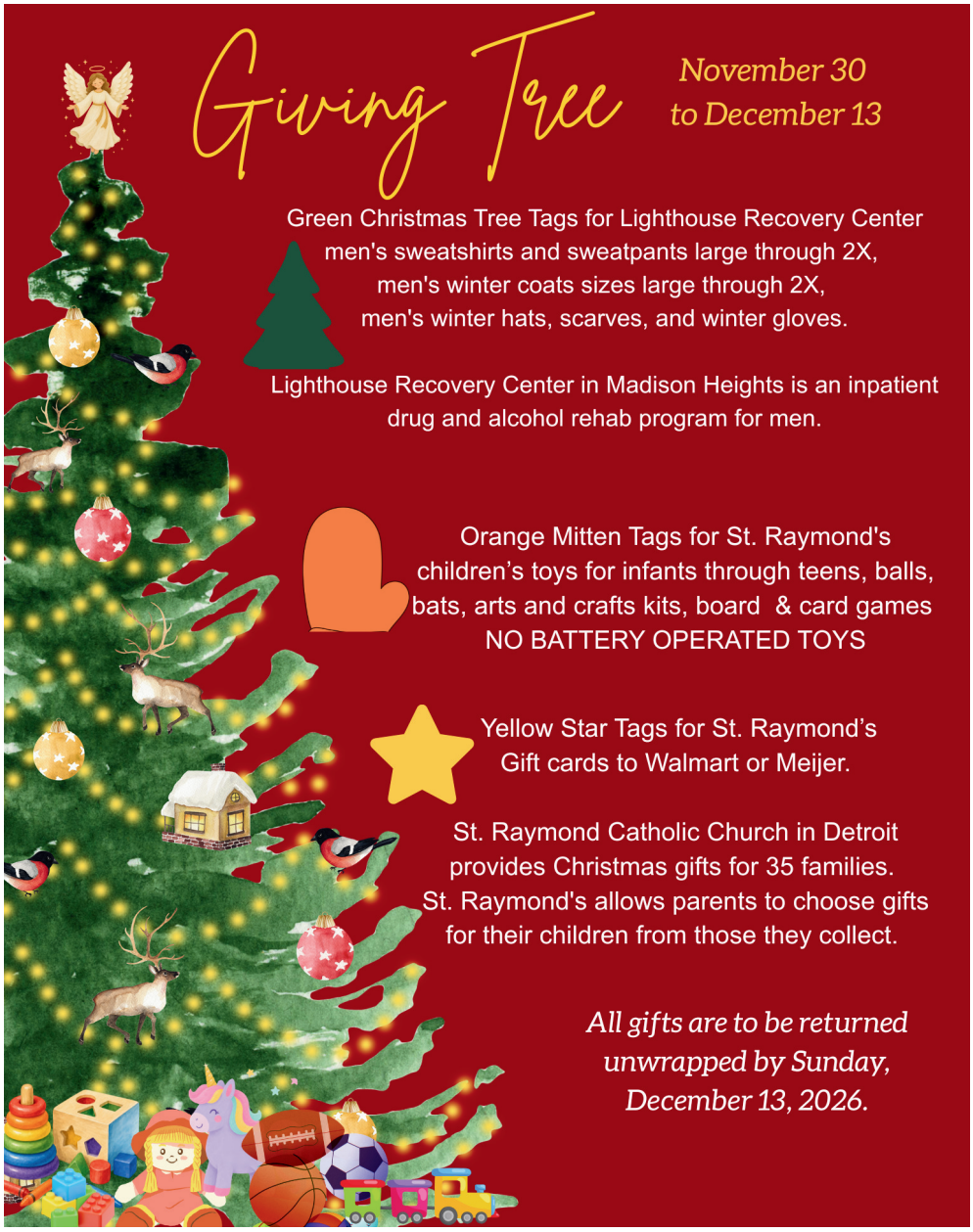
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish

December 6th
9:00am Mass
Celebrant: Br. Bob Malloy

followed by
a brunch reception

All are invited!

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Readings for the Week

Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/ Mt 25:31-46
Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/ Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/ Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ Ps 80:2-3, 15- 16, 18-19/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Advent Reflection Booklets are available after Sunday Mass or in the Parish Office for a $2.00 donation to cover the costs.

Jesus Christ King of the Universe

I remember middle school baseball tryouts. A friend of mine, Robert, was trying to make the team to please his father, but his heart wasn't in it. He was lackadaisical and unenergetic. When the final cut-list was announced and his name wasn't on it, he was relieved. He realized the coach was not insulting him but essentially telling him, "Bobby, this only works if you actually want to play ball." I was saddened he'd miss out on the fun, but I knew it was best. Putting Robert onto the team would not have been kindness. It would have made him miserable.

Jesus speaks to us today about his identity as our King and Judge. He separates those who inherit the kingdom from those who do not. The King explains, "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). His judgment hinges on willingness to participate in love. Heaven is not a prize imposed at the end of life. It is a life freely chosen and engaged. Hell is not a destination prepared for human beings, but a terrible and sad acknowledgment of an opting out which God never intends for us.

Jesus' role as judge proclaims to us: "Heaven only works if you actually want to love." How do we know if we want it? How we serve the hungry, the sick, the imprisoned, and the forgotten. These acts of mercy are not arbitrary tests. They are the very shape of divine life. There is no better game to play than this. We ought to begin playing it right now. The King will come to judge us.

— Father John Muir

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Question: Ezekiel reveals God's plan to personally examine and shepherd those sheep in his flock who are scattered, lost, or sick. Do you have any family members or friends who could use your help in the coming days?

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Question: Paul teaches that Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead is actually the beginning of God's plan to subject everything to Himself and "be all in all." How do you think we ought to be living into the future God is building?

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46
Question: Jesus speaks to his disciples about the final judgment of all nations at the end of time before the Parousia, the return of Jesus. How are you serving those on the margins of society?

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Pray For...

...government leaders everywhere to seek wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to world wars and tensions.
...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, floods, wars, earthquakes and disasters.
...respect for life from conception to natural death
...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.
...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.
...all who are sick, homebound undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey.Amen

MERCY IN ACTION MONTH
THANK YOU
for your generosity

Thank you to the loving and generous parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer parish and their friends and families for their generosity with time, talents and donations to the various activites we undertook during Mercy In Action Month (October, 2026).
We PRAYED together at Adoration and Rosary
We DONATED, boy did we donate

- Bags and bags of candy for the seminarians Trick and Treat
- Bread, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Lunchmeat and cheese for over 390 sandwiches for the Macomb Answer to Temporary Shelter (MATTS)
- Numerous packages of men's socks, and underwear for Lighthouse Recovery Center

And to top it all off, 22 volunteers came together on a Saturday morning to pray, share fellowship and make the 390 sandwiches.

We may be a small parish but have big and generous hearts. We are GIANTS in living God's message of caring for others by answering numerous requests for assistance.
May God bless each and everyone of you.
Gratefully,
Members of the Parish Evangelical Charitiy Commission (formerly Christian Service)

Observances of the Week

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent

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Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, November 28th at 9:00am

Faith Formation Office
SVF School Bldg.



Women's Sacred Journey group invites all women to join them in praying and reflecting on Scripture passages. The gathering is every other Saturday. No registration or fee required.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

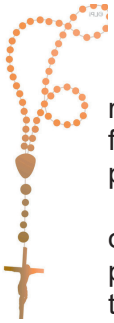
Real Presence

Question: How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer: The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). ©LPi

JOIN OTHERS IN PRAYING THE ROSARY



All are welcome to come and pray the rosary at 6:30pm on Monday evenings followed by Immaculata group consecration prayers for those who wish to remain.

We will gather in the Faith Formation office in the school building. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them.



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH . CONFIDENCE, *EXPLAINED!*

Confidence, in its virtuous aspect, describes the hope that man has in himself when he is under God's care and inviting the direction of the Holy Spirit. Its very name is derived from the Latin noun fides, which means faith.

Confidence is connected with the virtue of fortitude, but also with the virtue of hope, writes St. Thomas Aquinas, who quoted the Book of Job: "And you shall be secured, because there is hope; you shall look round you and lie down in safety" (Job 11:18).

It is confidence that Abraham exhibits when he petitions God to spare the righteous of Sodom (Genesis 18:25). Though he knows he is "only dust and ashes," Abraham has learned enough of the ways of God to be able to articulate them in prayer. This is the same confidence we have when we pray, entrusting our needs to God (1 John 5:14). ©LPi

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

November 29, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	T Karolski
Reader #1	L Yolkiewicz
Reader #2	P Allen
EME	D Gray
EME	C McCarthy
EME	N Virga
Greeter	M Simmons
Greeter	L Collins
Greeter	B Turchin
Greeter	R Juska-Svoba

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning November 29, 2026

Marie Sankuer

KINGS AND PEACE

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

It's a little ironic that, when Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King, he did so in a world that was growing awfully weary of kings.

The year was 1925. World War I had ended only seven years before. Most of Europe's monarchies were torn asunder in the conflict, yielding to other forms of government more deferential to popular opinion.

But there was a problem. The kings were gone, but still the world did not know peace — and it certainly didn't know justice. The Pope was unflinching in his words: "discord," "rivalries," "insatiable greed," "selfishness," "neglect (of) duty...society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin," he lamented in his encyclical Quas primas, describing the state of the world.

Americans are very proud that we've never bent the knee to a monarch, and I, for one, am a big fan of democratic republics like ours. But I don't think tyranny is inherent to — or prevented by — any particular form of government. I think any human can become an oppressor if they make the choice to.

The question was never what prevented tyranny. The question was who. And the answer is: only a king who "demands of (his) subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness," wrote Pope Pius XI. A king whose subjects "hunger and thirst after justice" and who "deny themselves and carry the cross."

There has only ever been one such king. There has only ever been one such kingdom.

Today, we bend the knee. ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What prayer does a congregation recite at Mass before the priest gives the Nuptial Blessing? ©LPi

Answer: The Lord's Prayer/Our Father

HOW WOULD YOU RULE YOUR KINGDOM?

It would be kind of awesome to be a king or queen! Absolute rule, untold wealth, and people answering your every beck and call are things that wouldn't be half bad. Of course, I would be a benevolent monarch, and I would hope that all my subjects would love me. They could cheer me as I came out of the palace, and I think my popularity ratings in the polls would be through the roof. But if they weren't, that would be fine, too, because I would rule the kingdom. And that means no throwing me out of office. Talk about job security!

As great as that sounds, the King of kings could have had all that as well, but instead, he chose quite a different path. He gave up absolute rule so all his subjects could have the free will to choose to follow him. He gave up untold wealth so he could be treated like a common criminal and receive a death sentence. He gave up having servants at his disposal so he could be the servant of all his subjects himself. Yes, he was the King of kings, but he was nothing like a typical king. As much as I think it would be great to be a king myself, I would rather emulate this King instead.

Who would you rather be like? You could have it all or choose to give away everything. You could choose a path of luxury or a path of trial. You could be respected by many or find yourself in a culture that increasingly finds you objectionable. Who would you rather be like? Do you arrive at an answer quickly, or do you need some time to think about it? The King of kings awaits your reply.

— Tracy Earl Welliver
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THANK YOU

I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer for helping make our annual Halloween celebration such a huge success once again this year! We welcomed around 2,000-3,000 of our neighbors again this year filling the day with laughter, joy, and an incredible sense of community.

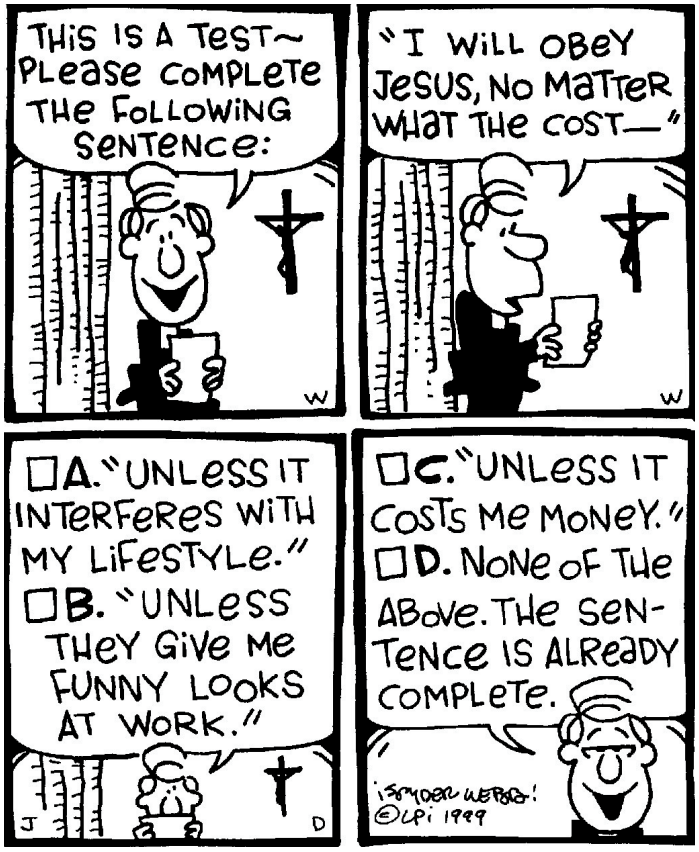
The spirit of fun and togetherness was truly contagious, and we hope these photos give you a glimpse into the happiness shared by so many. These moments of celebration are a beautiful reflection of the apostolic work being done through events like this, and we are so grateful for your role in bringing it to life.

Please share our gratitude and these photos with the rest of the parish staff.

To see photos visit: https://mosaic.shms.edu/seminarians-share-candy-gods-love-with-sacred-hearts-neighbors-on-halloween

Again, thank you so much for your generosity in making the day, week or even year of so many of our young neighbors, and for helping their parents and grandparents experience the joy of seeing them so excited! None of this could be possible without you and your kind support. Please keep us in prayer as we do you. Jake Rapanotti, SHMS seminarian





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To make a report or contact the Abuse Hotline:

EMAIL reportabuse@aod.org

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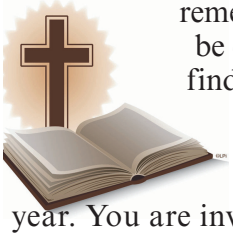


To have deceased loved ones listed in the Christmas bulletin, Memorial Flower envelopes must be returned by December 7th.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

At the end of time, the ones who neglected God will claim ignorance. "We never saw you!" they'll insist. But God is everywhere, making Himself known in every time and place. We can see Him, respond to Him — or we can look the other way. Which will we choose? ©LPi

Book of Life



During the month of November, the Book of Life, remembering our beloved deceased will be displayed in church. In it, you will find the names of the deceased of our parish and those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer during the past year. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones for our remembrance.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

MASS SCHEDULE

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 MILE, ROYAL OAK, 48073

SATURDAY- 8:30am and
4:30pm (livestreamed)
SUNDAY-7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 6:00pm
3:30pm (Spanish)
(MONDAY THRU FRIDAY)
6:30am (livestreamed), 8:30am

St. Mary Magdalen
50 E Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park, 48030
WEDNESDAY - Noon
SUNDAY - 11:00am

St. Mary
730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067
SATURDAY - 4:30pm
SUNDAY - 9:00am, 11 am
MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30am

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